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SUBJECT: CODEL CEDERBERG

USIA FOR IEE/SHIRLEY; HELSINKI FOR LEE OWENS, CODEL
ESCORT OFFICER

REF: STATE 157878

1. FAIR AUTHORITIES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT OPENING WILL TAKE
PLACE 10:00AM , SUNDAY, SEPT 2 AND THAT AMERICAY DAY
RECEPTION WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING DAY, SEPT. 3.

2. FOLLOWING IS REVISED SCHEDULE FOR CODEL IN LIGHT THESE
DEVELOPMENTS, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES SCHEDULE CAN BE CON-
SIDERED FINAL, PROVIDED CODEL AGREES.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

1100AM ARRIVE SOFIA VIA LZ 106. CODEL WILL BE MET
BY CHARGE BATJER AND PRESS AND CULTURAL
OFFICER SNOW.

1200 DEPART SOFIA FOR VARNA VIA LZ 17

1310PM ARRIVE VARNA, CODEL WILL BE MET BY CONTROL
OFFICER DAVID FISCHER WITH TRANSPORTATION.

WEDNESDAY, AGUST 29 THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 CODEL
WILL STAY AT HOTEL INTERNATIONAL, GOLDEN SANDS.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT RATHER THAN FLY TO SOFIA, ONLY TO
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LEAVE SAME AFTERNOON FOR DRIVE TO PLOVDIV, THAT CODEL

DRIVE WITH FISCHER DIRECTLY FROM GOLDEN SANDS TO PLOVDIV. TRIP, WHICH TAKES 6 HOURS, WILL ALLOW CODEL TO SEE INTERESTING PART OF BULGARIAN AND ARRIVE IN PLOVDIV EARLY AFTERNOON. WOULD BE MET ON ARRIVAL BY CHARGE, USIA ASST DIRECTOR SHIRLEY AND P AND C OFFICER SNOW. DINNER THAT EVENING TO BE HELD IN LOCAL, FOLK STYLE RESTAURANT. CODEL'S PRESENCE IN PLOVDIV SATURDAY EVENING HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF HEAVY ROAD TRAFFIC TO PLOVDIV ON SUNDAY AND DIFFICULTY OF GETTING ON FAIR GROUNDS JUST PRIOR ARRIVAL OF BULGARIAN VIP'S. (LAST YEAR STREETS LEADING TO FAIRGROUND SEALED OFF BY 0900.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1000AM OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES OF PLOVDIV FAIR
INFORMAL LUNCH (SANDWICHES) AT US PAVILION
WHILE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF BULGARIAN VIP'S TO
TOUR US EXHIBIT. IN PAST THEY HAVE
ARRIVED OUR AREA MID-AFTERNOON.
SIGHTSEEING
MAYOR OF PLOVDIV WILL HOST RECEPTION THAT
EVENING TO WHICH CODEL WILL BE INVITED.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

WE HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH LOCAL
OFFICIALS AND ASKED THEIR ASSISTANCE IN
PLANNING FOR SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING IN
AND AROUND CITY.
7:00 PM AMERICAN DAY RECEPTION AT US PAVILION
8:30PM DEPART PLOVDIV BY CAR TO SOFIA, OVERNIGHT
AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS FOR CODEL WITH MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND OTHER
OFFICIALS FOR MORNING.
1:00PM INFORMAL LUNCH AT RESIDENCE
3:20PM DEPART SOFIA VIA BEA 733 TO LONDON.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE CODEL'S CONCURRENCE REVISED SCHEDULE.

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